

January 15, 2004

Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth St., S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* Presentations:  
Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service,  
CC Docket No. 96-45**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Glenn Rabin of Alltel, David Sieradzki of Hogan & Hartson, Diane Cornell of CTIA, and I met with Commissioner Abernathy and Matt Brill yesterday. Today, Mr. Rabin and I met with Lisa Zaina of Commissioner Adelstein's office.

Within the context of the ongoing "portability" proceeding being deliberated by the Joint Board on Universal Service, we discussed at each meeting the appropriate standards for designating telephone service providers as *Eligible Telecommunications Carriers*, and the problems associated with the imposition of a *primary line* restriction.

The attached materials were handed out at the meetings. If you have any questions, then please contact me at 202-654-5903.

Respectfully submitted,

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